

## Press Release

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### **Transit's "Youth Pass" Program Best Summer Travel Deal Around!**

The Clallam Transit System is announcing that sales are about to begin for its annual Olympic Peninsula "Summer Youth Pass" during the week of May 16. All youth, ages 6 through 19, can travel throughout the county on regular fixed-route and dial-a-ride Clallam Transit buses for only \$20. The pass is good for travel the entire summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Fixed-route bus travel opportunities continue to be expanded around the Olympic Peninsula with Jefferson Transit, Mason Transit Authority, and Grays Harbor Transit all honoring each other's summer youth programs on their fixed-route services as well. This is the last year of a three-year cooperative agreement between these public transit systems to coordinate travel on the peninsula for young people. This means youth riders from Port Angeles can travel completely around the Olympic Peninsula via public transit all in one day! General Manager Wendy Clark-Getzin, PE, has been in discussions with Intercity Transit management in Olympia in regard to that system participating in this unique regional partnership beginning in 2017.

The Clallam Transit System "Summer Youth Pass" is a real bargain just on its own. Regular youth base fare passes cost \$18 per month. Youth premium fare passes cost \$36 per month.

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The "Summer Youth Pass" is designed to encourage more youth ridership on system buses and to respond to requests for a discounted summer pass for young people. This is the 16th consecutive summer the program has been offered.

Clallam Transit System General Manager Wendy Clark-Getzin, PE, stated, "Public transit doesn't get much better than this! With unlimited rides all summer, across four counties and around the Olympic Peninsula... there isn't a better transportation deal anywhere! The 'Summer Youth Pass Program' is intended to encourage county youth to ride public transit services. The pass can be used to attend summer activities or to create a new public transit experience. The pass was developed to take some of the pressure off busy parents who would otherwise shuttle their young people to summer activities. The summer youth pass really is a great savings for families!"

Clallam Transit System Olympic Peninsula "Summer Youth Passes" will be available through pass outlets in Port Angeles (Swain's General Store and Bay Variety), Sequim (City of Sequim), Forks (Forks Outfitters), and at the Clallam Transit System Administration Office. Like all other bus passes, these passes are also available through the mail. For further information or to order a pass, please call the Clallam Transit System at 452-1315 Extension 3 or toll-free 1/800-858-3747, Extension 3.